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refining clay, for the ceramic industry and of the two industries, *viz.*, Clay Refining and Porcelain works being interdependent, the two industries are proposed to be started simultaneously. The porcelain manufactured will, besides satisfying the local needs, be able to meet the demands of the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Works and the Drainage Scheme shortly to be launched into execution. The clay refining and porcelain factory will require an initial outlay of Rs 3 lakhs and provision to this extent has been made in the budget. This scheme when worked out will, it is hoped, relieve unemployment to some extent.

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Project.

30. Considerable progress was made in the construction of the project during the current year. The levelling of the Power House site has been completed and the corner stone of the building was laid by His Highness the Maha Raja on 1st March 1935. It is hoped that the Power House will be completed by the end of September. The total expenditure on the Project during the current year is expected to be Rs 21 lakhs which, with the sum of Rs 5·51 lakhs spent in 1109 would bring the outlay on the scheme to Rs 26·51 lakhs. The work is expected to be completed by about the middle of next year and the revenue account started from 1112. It is hoped that the scheme will pay interest charges, depreciation, sinking fund and operation expenses when it reaches the normal period of operation. A sum of Rs 35·35 lakhs will be required to finance this undertaking during the course of 1111.

Trivandrum Electric Supply.

31. The total expenditure on the Trivandrum Electric Supply at the end of the current year is expected to stand at Rs 8·20 lakhs. The gross receipts for the year are expected to stand at Rs 2·16 lakhs, while the working expenses are expected to amount to Rs 1·03 lakhs, leaving a net receipt of Rs 1·13 lakhs. Out of this a sum of Rs ·44 of a lakh is earmarked for interest charges, after making an allowance of Rs 46,500 for Depreciation and of Rs 23,000 for Reserve Funds.

Quilon Electric Supply.

32. The Capital Expenditure on the Quilon Electric Supply at the end of the current year is expected to be Rs 2·17 lakhs. The supply was inaugurated in Kanni last and since then the undertaking has been making steady progress. The gross receipts during the current year are expected to be Rs 28,000 and the working expenses Rs 25,000, leaving a balance of approximately Rs 3000. In view of the increased demand that is anticipated in Quilon,

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provision has been made in the next year's budget for the extension of supply mains and the installation of an additional engine in the Power House.

Trivandrum Telephone Scheme.

33. The total expen liture on the scheme at the end of the current year is expected to be Rs 1·50 lakhs. The number of subscribers on the exchange has considerably increased since last year by the addition of 23 main subscribers and 30 extension phones. Further extensions and improvements are also in contemplation. The anticipated receipts for the current year are Rs 18,000 and the working expenses about Rs 12,000.

Trunk Telephone Scheme.

34. It is now a few years since the Telephone Exchange at Alleppey with trunk communication to Cochin was installed by the Indian Telegraph Department, at the instance of this Government. Ever since, the several commercial organisations in the State have been requesting the Government for extending the line to Quilon and further south as it would help commerce to a great extent. With the Electrical Department of the State so far advanced, Government think that the facilities sought for should no more be delayed. They therefore propose to work out a comprehensive scheme for the installation of Telephone lines from Nagercoil to Trivandrum, Trivandrum to Quilon, and Quilon to Alleppey at which point it is proposed to be linked up with the Indian Telegraph Department line. The scheme also provides for a separate line for the public on the proposed Pallivasal Telephone line. There will in all be 285 miles of lines. All the lines will be constructed with double circuit, one for main outer connection and the other for way-side tapping. Treated teakwood poles will be used, being admittedly cheaper than iron poles and the line will be taken along roads to avoid way leave compensation. In regard to Pallivasal line there will be a great saving in supervision and working charges, as the line there could be added to the posts erected for the Pallivasal Hydro Electric Project. Provision has been made in the scheme for connecting fifty subscribers each at Nagercoil and Quilon and one hundred in the various towns where transmission lines are constructed, including Anchal offices, en route. To effect savings under construction, staff and tools and plant, the entire work will be taken up in one stage, the estimated cost of the work, *viz.*, Rs 4·33 lakhs, being spread over three years. The provision made for the year 1111 is only Rs 1·50 lakhs.

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